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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT HONORS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will celebrate National Women's History Month with a free film screening and discussion at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 22, in the North Underground Lecture Hall.

The hour-long movie "A Sense of Wonder" pays tribute to environmental activist Rachel Carson, her love of the natural world and her fight to defend it. In 1962 Carson wrote the hugely influential book "Silent Spring" to raise awareness about the dangerous environmental and health effects of pesticides.

This year's National Women's History Month honors women who have taken the lead in the environmental or "green" movement to create a healthier environment for everyone. In particular, Carson, a pioneer of the modern environmental movement, will be honored.

"A Sense of Wonder" is an adaptation of a one-woman play that portrays Carson's life and her advocacy for the natural world. The screening is part of a national campaign to bring the brand-new film to at least 100 cities across the country during March. To view a trailer and learn more about the film, visit its Web site, <http://www.asenseofwonderfilm.com>.

The event is sponsored by Women's Opportunity and Resource Development, the UM Environmental Studies Program and the UM Women's and Gender Studies program.

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